

ConnectUp — Co-Designed Social-Connection App for People with Disability and Carers

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · Australia

Quality score: 76/100

Evidence strength: Strong

Summary

University of Melbourne researchers ran six paid co-design workshops (17 disabled people/carers) with Perth's Carers WA to build ConnectUp, a peer-reviewed, AU\$2M+ government-funded social-connection app launching nationally in June 2026.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	4/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	1/1
Demonstrated reach	0/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

[University of Melbourne, with Carers WA](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

[Peer-reviewed co-design study \(MDPI\)](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

[Carers WA workshop recruitment page](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

[Mirage News launch coverage](#) — accessed 2026-08-23

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